

Date signed July 16, 2012



*Paul Mannes*

PAUL MANNES  
U. S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND  
at Greenbelt**

IN RE:	:	
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KRISTI C. SANCHEZ	:	Case No. 11-34925PM
VICTOR M. SANCHEZ, JR.	:	Chapter 13
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Debtors	:	
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**MEMORANDUM TO THE PARTIES  
(Compensation of Professionals)**

While the court will grant counsel's Motion to Reconsider this court's Order entered July 3, 2012, requiring her to refund all fees received on account of her failure to file the statement required by Fed. Rule of Bankruptcy Proc. 2016(b), the court suggests that counsel familiarize herself with the Local Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland. Local Rule 2016(b) requires:

**RULE 2016-1 - COMPENSATION OF PROFESSIONALS**

(b) Disclosure of Compensation. An attorney representing a debtor in a case or in connection with a case must file a Federal Bankruptcy Rule 2016(b) disclosure statement with the petition. If an attorney commences representation of the debtor in a case or in connection with a case after the filing of the petition, such attorney must file the Federal Bankruptcy Rule 2016(b) disclosure statement at the time representation is commenced.

Counsel's representation that her failure to comply with this Rule was because her "office inadvertently failed to properly docket the due date for the filing of the 2016(B) [sic] form" is no excuse whatsoever as the disclosure must be filed with the petition.

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**End of Memorandum**